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Ms. Dana Dean
Associate Director/Mining
Utah Division of Oil, Gas & Mining
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Salt lake City, UT 84114

RE: Approval of Large Mine Permit, Holliday Block Mine, ML 49571, Uintah County, Utah

Dear Ms. Dean:

The Holiday Block mine is located upon state trust lands presently leased to the Oil Mining Company (TomCo) under Oil Shale mineral lease ML 49571. Lands comprising the lease were acquired by the State of Utah through an in-lieu selection in 1983 to replace "school sections" that were historically appropriated to other uses prior to Statehood. The primary purpose of school trust lands is to generate revenues to help support public education. Mineral Lease ML 49571 is in good standing with the Trust Lands Administration, and rentals and royalties paid under the lease go directly to help fund Utah public schools.

Upon acquiring ML 49571 on April 21, 2006, the Oil Mining Company diligently explored the leased lands and delineated a mineable oil shale resource of considerable potential economic value to the school trust. The oil shale resource within these lands should now be placed into commercial production in fulfillment of the purposes of school trust lands.

The Oil Mining Company has demonstrated its commitment to develop oil shale resources in an environmentally sound manner by fully complying with all rules and regulations governing its activities within the state. The School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration support the final approval of a DOGM Large Mine Permit for the Holliday Block Mine. Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Kevin S. Carter, Director

CC: Paul Rankine

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